

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A clamping ~~means~~ device for clamping two parts which more particularly serves for fixing a workpiece palette on a workpiece table. A bolster provided with a projecting shape element is secured to the first part and a cooperating part provided with a recess for receiving the shape element is secured to the second part. ~~[[In]]~~ A sliding element which runs through the projecting shape element ~~a sliding element runs which~~ has at least one peripheral recess, into which at least one clamping element is engaged. ~~clamping means, which is able to~~ The clamping element can be moved in a through hole in the shape element ~~[[,]]~~ and fits in the a non-clamping position, and on sliding the sliding element the clamping element is thrust outward into the a clamping position. ~~in which it~~ In the clamping position the clamping element interlocks in the a recess in the cooperating part. ~~The clamping element possesses a central guide for linearly guiding in the through hole, such guide region being provided with an annular groove to accommodate a sealing ring, hemispherical terminal regions being formed on either side of the guide region. The clamping element ensures on the one hand a reliable sealing action and on the other hand prevent~~

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~~the clamping element dripping out. Simultaneously a centering  
and clamping function is produced.~~

~~Figure 1--~~

Attachment: Replacement Abstract